

REMARKS

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over G.M. Manzini et al. ["Interactive Books", International Journal of Modern Physics C, Vol. 5, No. 5, pp. 785-789] in view of Hartrick et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,532,920. Both of these references were cited in the previous office action.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 3 to include the limitation of "allowing contributors to create derivations of material in the interactive web book." Support for this limitation can be found in column 3, line 58 to column 5, line 2 of the specification. This feature is neither taught nor suggested by the references of record. Manzini teaches an interactive book which provides "the possibility to produce scientific reviews with interactive mechanisms that allows the user to verify and experiment more directly the contents of such books." (Abstract). Hartrick teaches a method of enforcing payment of copyright royalties for making copies of softcopy books. Neither reference teaches the ability for contributors to create derivative works based on material in the interactive web book or to get paid for those derivative works. Applicants submit that claims 2 and 3 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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